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MORNING HOUR DEBATES

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 19, 1999, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning hour debates. The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with each party limited to not to exceed 25 minutes, and each Member, except the majority leader, the minority leader, or the minority whip, limited to 5 minutes, but in no event shall debate extend beyond 9:50 a.m.

TRIBUTE TO HON. WILLIAM GOODLING ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM CONGRESS

The SPEAKER. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 19, 1999, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. MURTHA) is recognized during morning hour debates for 5 minutes.

Mr. MURTHA. Mr. Speaker, this morning I want to make some very complimentary remarks about the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. GOODLING). He is certainly the type of individual, if I had been in his class or in his school, I would have known exactly where he stood. He defends the system of education. He supported education, and he supported the ideals of education: local control and strong discipline.

BILL GOODLING is one of the finest experts in education in the entire Nation. No individual has had more of an impact on educational systems in this Nation than BILL GOODLING. He sometimes gets in trouble because he says what he thinks. He believes very strongly about local control of education, and there are people who believe differently, and they disagree strongly with his opinion. But on the other hand, we know where he stands. I think in politics that is the thing that is absolutely imperative to our system, that somebody that knows what they are talking about, has had experience in the field, can work hard at those kinds of things.

Education obviously is one of the most important issues we take up in the House. Normally, I do not talk very long on issues of defense because we work things out. And I see the distinguished gentleman from California (Mr. LEWIS), the chairman of the Subcommittee on Defense Appropriations, here; and he and I do not take a lot of time on the floor. But it is hard not to speak for a long period of time for the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. GOODLING).

He has been in the forefront of many, many battles; and he has won most of those battles. Even when he was in the minority, he worked hard for local control of schools, for adequate funding of schools to make sure that the Members of Congress understood the system from a classroom, from a super-

intendent, from a principal's standpoint, and from a Member of Congress' standpoint.

So we are going to miss BILL GOODLING. BILL GOODLING has had a phenomenal impact on our system itself.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. HOLDEN).

Mr. HOLDEN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. MURTHA) for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor to be here as we pay tribute to our retiring colleague, BILL GOODLING. The gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. MURTHA) did a great job in elaborating on how BILL GOODLING has been a leader in education fights in this House as chairman for the past 6 years, and serving on that committee for 20-plus years.

But I want to say that BILL GOODLING has done much more than that. He cares so deeply about all of his constituents. I have the privilege of being the only Pennsylvanian on the Committee on Agriculture. Agriculture is the number one industry in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and BILL GOODLING's district is rich with an agricultural history. I drive by it every week on my drive to Washington. BILL GOODLING has been a strong fighter for his agriculture constituents, whether it be for fairer dairy prices for his dairy farmers or whether it be the ability for all of our farmers to have access to crop insurance, because we have such diverse agriculture in Pennsylvania, or

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